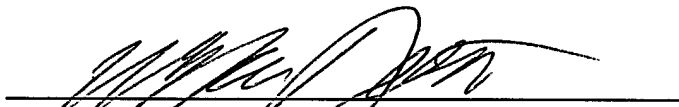


therefore been rewritten to include the features of claim 15 which is now cancelled. The back reference of claim 16 has been corrected as necessary.

Applicant has previously conceded that claim 20 is generic to both the embodiment of Figs. 4 and 5, as well as the embodiment of Figs. 6 and 7. Since both embodiments operate the same, they can be considered obvious variations of one another. Claim 20 is now amended to specify that the damper has an undistorted shape substantially in the form of a toroid - a configuration neither disclosed or suggested by You or Brandt.. This has resulted in cancellation of claim 21. Rejoinder of dependent claims 22 - 24 is respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. A telephone call to the undersigned will be appreciated to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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